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## **AIS ACTIVITIES 20 JAN 2012 – 29 MAR 2012**

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### **Grant Updates:**

- County AIS Project grant – Received final reimbursement for 2009-2011 grant, awaiting first reimbursement for 2011-2013 grant, final reports and progress reports will be available on website soon. Developed a better tracking system for match as reporting this was difficult this go around due to transition of coordinators.
- County CBCW Iron River & Delta Area grant – Received final reimbursement of 2010-2011 grant. New grant awarded to fund Summer 2012. This grant had the highest score in its category with 23 out of 30 possible points. Total amount of grant is \$28,908.75 with \$9636.25 in match. This project will run 1 year, and then be rolled into the county grant application for 2013-2014.
- Wisconsin CMP Grant- Bayfield County's CMP grant application for "AIS Monitoring and Education along the Lake Superior Coast" was not approved for funding this cycle. This was a new project and may be pursued again next fall

### **Outreach/Workshops:**

- Iron River CBCW program to participate in DNR's "Kids don't float" pilot program this summer
- Site visits with Ben Dufford and Ted Koehler of USFWS of potential summer project sites, checking for presence of Phragmites, Japanese Knotweed, and Purple Loosestrife, no invasives were found at these sites, follow up can be conducted post project completion to see if disturbance had an invasive impact
- Shared information of Sea Port Authority Plans and Permit to use dredging material as fill in Douglas County with Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area and provided comments on the plan
- March 21- Clean Marina Webinar- Organized by Sea Grant, discussed boat washing procedures and decontamination. Washburn Marina manager was a presenter
- March 21- Friends of the White River Annual Meeting- Introduction to the group, will work with them for stream monitoring and Project RED workshops
- March 25- Wild Rivers TU Annual Meeting- Set up display and provided invasive species information to approximately 25 people, also networked with individuals interested in conducting some AIS monitoring on the Sioux River
- 2 Bait shops are participating in new AIS social outreach program and plan to add 3 more this month
- VHS article written and submitted to local papers. Was printed in Barnes Blog and The Connection

### **Meetings:**

- Feb 2- AIS Committee Meeting to Evaluate Strategic Plan and Update Goals
- Feb 20- Barnes EWM Committee meetings- Discussed outreach methods, maybe use dinner place mats at restaurants, EWM in George Lake and Rapid Response grant, Monitoring efforts and methods
- Feb 9 & March 15- Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCWMA) meeting- received updates on invasive activities in 4 county area and provided update on Bayfield County AIS, filled in and ran meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> at NCWMA Coordinator's request
- March 8- Invasive Control with Herbicides- Attended workshop put on by Crop Production Services and 4 Control with information about successful control methods of Japanese Knotweed, purple loosestrife, Phragmites, and other invasive species. Learned about additives to herbicide applications and mixing percentages
- March 19- UW Extension Lakes Train the Trainer Workshop- Received updates and training materials for CBCW, CLMN, Project RED, and Purple Loosestrife Bio Control Workshops
- March 20- DNR SWIMS Database training- Learned about SWIMS and many new updates for DNR website

### Other Activities:

- Provided Japanese Knotweed locations and map to DNR partners which was successful in receiving funding to contract services for Japanese knotweed control
- Continued correspondence with DNR Lakes Coordinator
- Work and Coordination with AIS coordinators in Douglas and Ashland Counties
- Consolidating match for two AIS grants
- Communication with DNR and Duluth Seaport Authority regarding use of dredging material as fill, decontamination of equipment, how and when to monitor fill for invasive species
- Met new DNR Lake Superior Basin AIS Specialist, Diane Dalton. She will be working out of the Ashland DNR office
- Designed quick install ordinance sign for kiosks at boat landings
- Hazardous Materials shipping training for CLMN chemicals and alcohol
- Interviews for Boat Wash positions

### Future Events/Activities:

- Goerge Lake, Tomahawk Lake, and Sand Bar Lake EWM inspections and meetings to discuss treatment options
- Cable Natural History Museum PL Bio Control display
- Presentation at Iron River Elementary and Drummond School
- Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention April 10-12
- Great Lakes Early Detection Webcast April 18th
- Newsletter to be released in May, goal to have ready for distribution by fishing opener
- Bayfield County AIS Roundtable (date TBD-end of May/Early June)
- Spring Project RED Workshop
- CLMN workshop June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Barnes,
- Douglas County AIS Coordinator participation in Barnes Eco Field trip
- CBCW Workshops tentatively May 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup>
- Zebra Mussel "Smart Prevention" workshop in Iron River
- AIS Surveys- Eau Claire Chain of Lakes, Delta Lake, Twin Bear Lake, Iron River Flowage, Drummond Lake, Early Detection lakes(still waiting for DNR release), White River, Iron River, Flag River, and others
- Purple loosestrife bio-control in Fish Creek slough, Cable, Eau Claire Chain
- Aquatic plant workshop for professionals in June 26/27
- Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference June 22

